

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 952

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones

February 18, 2011

An act to add Section 185025 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to high-speed rail.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 952, as introduced, Jones. High-speed rail.

Existing law creates the High-Speed Rail Authority with specified powers and duties relative to development and implementation of a high-speed train system. The authority is composed of 9 members, including 5 members appointed by the Governor. Members of the authority are subject to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

This bill would prohibit a member or employee of the authority from being the recipient of any gift, as defined, for purposes of the Political Reform Act. The bill would prohibit a construction company, engineering firm, consultant, legal firm, or any other company, vendor, or business entity with a contract or seeking a contract with the authority, or subcontractor of any of the foregoing, or owner, employee, or any member of their immediate families of any of these companies, firms, vendors, entities, or subcontractors, from making any gift to a member or employee of the authority, or to any member of their immediate families. The bill would allow the authority itself to receive gifts, subject to approval of the Senate. The bill would also allow the authority to transfer the gifts it receives to any person only with the approval of the Senate.

This bill would prohibit a member or employee of the authority from appearing before the authority on behalf of, or in any way representing

before the authority, any individual or private or public entity for 3 years after termination of the employment or contract relationship with the authority.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 185025 is added to the Public Utilities
2 Code, to read:
3 185025. (a) No member or employee of the authority shall be
4 the recipient of any gift, as defined in Section 82028 of the
5 Government Code, for purposes of the Political Reform Act of
6 1974 (Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000) Government
7 Code), except as provided in this section. No construction
8 company, engineering firm, consultant, legal firm, or any other
9 company, vendor, or business entity with a contract or seeking a
10 contract with the authority, or subcontractor of any of the
11 foregoing, or owner, employee, or any member of their immediate
12 families of any of these companies, firms, vendors, entities, or
13 subcontractors, shall make any gift to a member or employee of
14 the authority, or to any member of their immediate families. The
15 authority itself may receive gifts, subject to approval of the Senate
16 by resolution. The authority may transfer the gifts it receives to
17 any person subject to this section only with the approval of the
18 Senate by resolution.
19 (b) A member or employee of the authority shall not, for
20 compensation, appear before the authority on behalf of, or in any
21 way represent before the authority, any individual or private or
22 public entity for a period of three years after termination of the
23 person's relationship with the authority.